

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 16, 2003 - 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
TROY CITY HALL
500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – April 16, 2003

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Rabben Court, Parcel A
4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Rabben Court, Parcel B
5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2791 Rabben Court, Parcel C
6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Rabben Court, Parcel D
7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 883 Vanderpool
8. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 895 Vanderpool

REGULAR BUSINESS

9. Install STOP or YIELD Sign at Haverford and Springbrook
Requested by Eileen Desmond, 2023 Haverford, Troy 48098
10. Replace YIELD Sign with STOP Sign on Andover at Hounds Chase
Requested by Kristie Stefani, 5687 Andover, 48098
11. Install NO PARKING Signs on both Sides of Evanswood, from Robart North to Dead
End
Requested by Gary A. Shripka, Assistant City Manager/Services
12. Visitors' Time
13. Other Business
14. Adjourn

cc: Traffic Committee Members, Including Ex-Officio Members
Gary A. Shripka, Assistant City Manager/Services
Steven Vandette, City Engineer
Captain Dane Slater, Police Department
Lt. Robert Rossman, Traffic Safety Unit
Lt. Robert Matlick, Fire Department
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney
John K. Abraham, Traffic Engineer

cc: Appropriate Sections to Interested Citizens:

3. Residents within 300 feet of Rabben Court, Parcel A
Matthew and Theresa Rizik, 2791 Rabben, Troy, MI 48098
Capaldi Building Co., 846 Redding, Birmingham, MI 48009
4. Residents within 300 feet of Rabben Court, Parcel B
Matthew and Theresa Rizik, 2791 Rabben, Troy, MI 48098
Capaldi Building Co., 846 Redding, Birmingham, MI 48009
5. Residents within 300 feet of 2791 Rabben Court, Parcel C
Matthew and Theresa Rizik, 2791 Rabben, Troy, MI 48098
Capaldi Building Co., 846 Redding, Birmingham, MI 48009
6. Residents within 300 feet of Rabben Court, Parcel D
Matthew and Theresa Rizik, 2791 Rabben, Troy, MI 48098
Capaldi Building Co., 846 Redding, Birmingham, MI 48009
7. Residents within 300 feet of 883 Vanderpool
George Tanner, RWT Building LLC, 2605 Livernois, Troy 48083
8. Residents within 300 feet of 895 Vanderpool
George Tanner, RWT Building LLC, 2605 Livernois, Troy 48083
9. Residents within 300 feet of 2023 Haverford & Springbrook
Eileen Desmond, 2023 Haverford, 48098
10. Kristie Stefani, 5687 Andover, 48098
11. Residents within 300 feet of Evanswood and Robart

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

MESSAGE TO VISITORS, DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS

The Traffic Committee is composed of seven Troy citizens who have volunteered their time to the City to be involved in traffic and safety concerns. The stated role of this Committee is:

- a. To give first hearing to citizens' requests and obtain their input.
- b. To make recommendations to the City Council based on technical considerations, traffic surveys, established standards, and evaluation of citizen input.
- c. To identify hazardous locations and recommend improvements to reduce the potential for traffic accidents.

Final decisions on sidewalk waivers will be made by the Committee at this meeting.

The recommendations and conclusions arrived at on regular items this evening will be forwarded to the City Council for their final action. Any citizen can discuss these recommendations before City Council. The items discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting will be placed on the City Council Agenda by the City Manager. The earliest date these items might be considered by City Council would normally be 10 days to 2 weeks from the Traffic Committee meeting. If you are interested, you may wish to contact the City Manager's Office in order to determine when a particular item is on the Agenda.

Persons wishing to speak before this Committee should attempt to hold their remarks to no more than 5 minutes. Please try to keep your remarks relevant to the subject at hand. Please speak only when recognized by the Chair. These comments are made to keep this meeting moving along. Anyone wishing to be heard will be heard; we are here to listen and help in solving or resolving your particular concerns.

AGENDA EXPLANATION
TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 16, 2003

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Minutes – April 16, 2003**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Rabben Court, Parcel A**

Capaldi Building Co., 846 Redding Rd., Birmingham, MI is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at Rabben Court, Parcel A. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.” Petitioner does not wish to damage or remove old trees or change the rural nature of the neighborhood.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Capaldi Building Co. has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing, and it wishes to maintain a rural look.

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at Parcel A, Rabben Court, which is owned by Capaldi Building Co.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at Parcel A, Rabben Court, which is owned by Capaldi Building Co.

4. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Rabben Court, Parcel B

Capaldi Building Co., 846 Redding Rd., Birmingham, MI is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at Rabben Court, Parcel B. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.” Petitioner does not wish to damage or remove old trees or change the rural nature of the neighborhood.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at Rabben Court, Parcel B, which is owned by Capaldi Building Co.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at Parcel B, Rabben Court, which is owned by Capaldi Building Co.

5. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 2791 Rabben Court, Parcel C

Matthew and Theresa Rizik, 2791 Rabben Court, Troy, MI are requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 2791 Rabben Court, Parcel C. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioners have signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.” Petitioners do not wish to change the rural nature of the neighborhood.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, Matthew and Theresa Rizik have requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing, and they wish to maintain a rural look.

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
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- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 2791 Rabben Court, Parcel C, which is owned by Matthew and Theresa Rizik.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at Rabben Court, Parcel C, which is owned by Matthew and Theresa Rizik.

6. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – Rabben Court, Parcel D

Capaldi Building Co., 846 Redding Rd., Birmingham, MI is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at Rabben Court, Parcel D. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.” Petitioner does not wish to damage or remove old trees or change the rural nature of the neighborhood.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at Rabben Court, Parcel D, which is owned by Capaldi Building Co.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at Rabben Court, Parcel D, which is owned by Capaldi Building Co.

7. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 883 Vanderpool

R.W.T. Building LLC, 2065 Livernois, Troy, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 883 Vanderpool. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an “Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks.”

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, R.W.T. Building LLC has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

WHEREAS, THE Traffic Committee has determined the following:

- a. A variance will not impair the public health, safety or general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area, and
- b. A strict application of the requirements to construct a sidewalk would result in practical difficulties to, or undue hardship upon, the owners, and
- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 883 Vanderpool, which is owned by R.W.T. Building LLC.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 883 Vanderpool, which is owned by R.W.T. Building LLC.

8. Request for Sidewalk Waiver – 895 Vanderpool

R.W.T. Building LLC, 2065 Livernois, Troy, is requesting a waiver for the sidewalk at 895 Vanderpool. The sidewalk ordinance requires that sidewalk be installed in conjunction with the development of this parcel due to a recent lot split, combined and replatted. The Public Works Department recommends denial of this waiver request. Petitioner has signed an "Agreement for Irrevocable Petition for Sidewalks."

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

1. WHEREAS, City of Troy Ordinances, Chapter 34, Section 8(D) allows the Traffic Committee to grant temporary waivers of the City of Troy Design Standards for Sidewalks upon a demonstration of necessity; and

WHEREAS, R.W.T. Building LLC has requested a temporary waiver of the requirement to construct a sidewalk on the property because there are no other sidewalks in the area, the sidewalk would lead nowhere and connect to nothing.

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- c. The construction of a new sidewalk on the property line would lead nowhere and connect to no other walk, and thus will not serve the purpose of a pedestrian travel-way.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee grants a two-year waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 895 Vanderpool, which is owned by R.W.T. Building LLC.

2. WHEREAS, the Traffic committee has determined, after a public hearing, that Petitioner failed to establish the standards justifying the granting of a waiver,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Traffic Committee denies a waiver of the sidewalk requirement for the property at 895 Vanderpool, which is owned by R.W.T. Building LLC.

9. Install STOP or YIELD Sign at Haverford and Springbrook

Eileen Desmond, 2023 Haverford, reports that Haverford is used as a cut-through between Beach and Coolidge. Traffic moves at high speeds and she has seen many near-miss situations. She requests a YIELD or STOP sign to control traffic.

The intersection of Springbrook and Haverford is a 3-way intersection with Springbrook ending at Haverford. While Springbrook connects to Connolly, which further leads to Coolidge, Haverford connects to Beach on the west side and ends in a cul-de-sac on the east side. The intersection is presently uncontrolled, and traffic on Springbrook must yield to traffic on Haverford.

A traffic crash study indicates that there was one crash in the past 3 years at this intersection. This involved a vehicle backing out of a residential driveway and a vehicle on Haverford. Traffic counts performed in March 2003 indicate 815 vehicles per day on Springbrook and 535 vehicles on Haverford. Residential street traffic volumes in Troy range between 300 and 5000 vehicles per day. Field studies indicate no major sight obstructions at the intersection. The major movement at the intersection is from northbound Springbrook to westbound Haverford, and only very few vehicles proceed eastbound through the intersection to the nine homes located east of the intersection. It should be noted that a STOP sign on Springbrook might not reduce the speed of vehicles on Haverford.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Recommend installation of a STOP sign on Springbrook at Haverford.
- b. Recommend installation of a YIELD sign on Springbrook at Haverford.
- c. Recommend no changes.

10. Change YIELD Sign to STOP Sign on Andover at Hounds Chase

Kristie Stefani, 5687 Andover, requests that the YIELD sign currently on Andover at Hounds Chase be replaced by a STOP sign. She is concerned about speeding and feels a STOP sign would slow down traffic. After a phone conversation on the subject, Dr. Abraham mailed Ms. Stefani our brochures on stop signs and the Neighborhood Traffic Harmonization Program. Ms. Stefani has indicated that she wishes to pursue the matter. The necessary forms and material have been mailed to Ms. Stefani.

Andover runs between Arlund way and Hounds Chase and has a down grade, it may be easy to pick up speed coming down Andover. Field observations indicate low traffic volumes and no major sight obstructions at the intersection of Hounds Chase and Andover.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Recommend replacing YIELD sign with STOP sign on Andover at Hounds Chase.
- b. Recommend no changes.

11. Install NO PARKING Signs on Both Sides of Evanswood from Robart North to Dead End.

Gary A. Shripka, Assistant City Manager/Services, requests parking restrictions on the stub of Evanswood north of Robart. Golf course personnel report that residents are parking in that area and walking around the golf course property. This area is a natural wetland and wildlife habitat, and the foot traffic has been destroying vegetation in the area.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Recommend installing NO PARKING signs on both sides of Evanswood from Robart north to dead end.
- b. Recommend no changes.

12. Visitors' Time**13. Other Business**

Items not on the agenda which Traffic Committee members may wish to discuss.

14. Adjourn